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[20] A variety of load bearing assemblies 26 can be used within the scope of this invention. Examples include flat belts. Figure 1A shows one example having a polymer jacket coating 27 over a plurality of load bearing members 28. Other types of belts or roping may also be used in an embodiment of this invention. The terms "belt" or "rope" should not be construed in their strict sense when used in this description.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please make the following changes to the claims. A marked up version of the original claims is attached as Appendix 1.

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20. (Amended) A device for inspecting a load bearing assembly in an elevator system, comprising:

a detector that gathers information regarding spacing between markings on the load bearing assembly; and

a controller that utilizes the spacing information gathered by the detector and makes a determination regarding a condition of the load bearing assembly.